HOUSE BILL 3313 By Phelan

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 2(E) of Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 178 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, and Chapter 63 of the Private Acts of 1995, is further amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following:

(E) FILLING VACANCY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER. If a board member resigns, dies, moves out of the district represented, or for any other reason vacates the position of school board trustee, the remaining trustees on the board shall appoint a successor or successors from those districts vacated until the next county general election, at which time a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term or terms.

SECTION 2. Section 2(J)(2) of Chapter 62 of the Private Acts of 1981, as amended by Chapter 181 of the Private Acts of 1981, Chapter 178 of the Private Acts of 1986, Chapter 107 of the Private Acts of 1987, and Chapter 63 of the Private Acts of 1995, is further amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting the following:

(2) The board of trustees shall employ a director of schools under a written contract of up to four (4) years' duration, which may be renewed. Any such person

transferred during the term of such person's contract shall not have such person's salary diminished for the remainder of the contract period. The board may dismiss the director for cause as specified in Tennessee Code Annotated, §49-2-203 or in title 49, chapter 5, part 5, as appropriate. The director of schools may be referred to as the "superintendent" and references to or duties of the former county superintendents shall be deemed references to or duties of the director of schools employed under this section. The board of trustees is the sole authority in appointing a superintendent.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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